#### THE VICTORY IN ARKANSAS.

The March of Gens. Blunt and Herron to Van Buren, Ark.

The Rebels Driven Across the Arkameas River.

Capture of Three Steambeats, Camp Equipments and One Hundred

# OFFICIAL DESPATCH FROM GEN. CURTIS.

THE FIGHT AT PRAIRIE GROVE.

W. HALLBOR, General-in-Chief, Wanball

even Hours—Arrival of Gen. Blunt—The Strug-mued till Nightfall—The Louses—Death of Two

even hours' desperate fighting, our brave soldiers Harron were about to yield, from the superior of the rebels, and were falling back, when Gen. at, with a strong reinforcement, engaged them upon right wing. Then commenced the hard fighting which they did during the night. In the their dead, which was granted. Our loss so a cannon ball grazed the Doctor's head, gerously injured, though he was badly brulse !weping. The reason General Hindman gave for detainmaga surgeon, by wearing side arms, and leading iment in battle. After some advice from Hindman the duties of surgeons in battle, and cantioning him onirol his bravery and patriotism in the future, he remined, and reflects great credit upon the torengate.

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urgeon Quidor, who, judging from his success in this putation in his profession. I write this notice of nty in regard to the battle, or if the report of a ad reached them, that pain and affliction may

Sr. Loung Dec. 27, 1962.
The Situation in Missouri—The Designs of the Rebels in the Southwest-General Rindman Ready to Try His Lucy, Again—Salipeire Works Again Destroyed—Guerilla Mosements—General McNetty Case, &c.
The cituation in Missouri and on its borders is still inversating, although no estual scenes of war have transpread, beyond a few guerilla skirmishes, since the battle of Prairie Green.

of the department, are doing active service at all points

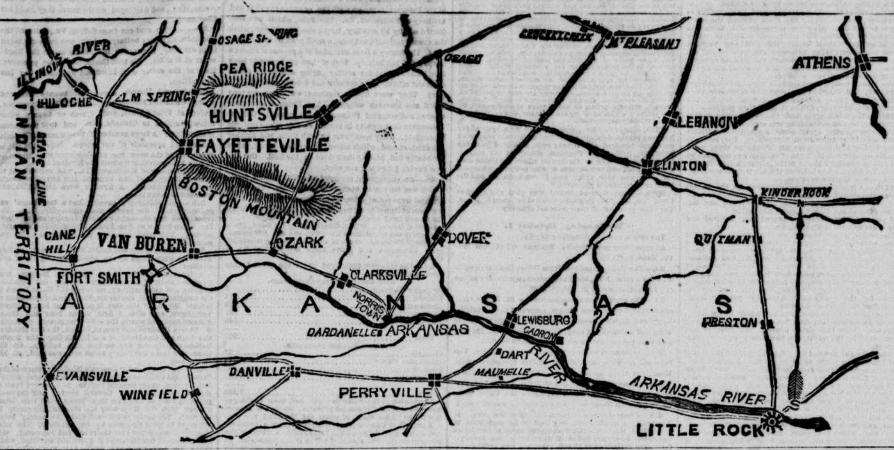
Our advices from the Southwest are rather conflicting.
but the weight of the testimony seems to be that General
Hindman has been reinforced by nearly all the rebel
treops available in Arkansus, or that it is doubtful if there other robel army now in that State, save tife garri see of the newly fortified point called Arkaneas Post, on the newly fortified point called Arkaneas Post, on the Arkaneas river. Hindman eseme inclined to try his luck again, though he probably had a surer thing, when he caught the Army of the Frontier sepacover have again. Hindman's former army was servily crippled and broken up by the defeat at Prairie Grove; but he is reported to have received a reinforcement of hine thousand from Little Rock, and to have received his demoralized army at Van Buren. Hindman he perfectly reckless of human life, and is willing, for the to losing men rapidly by descrition, and should be aban-don all efforts to invade Missouri and attempt to go into

don all efforts to invade Missouri and attempt to go into winter quarters his army would doubtless be as effectually broken up as if he lost supther battle. Soouts and deserter report to General Bluos that Hindman is preparing for another battle. Let him try it. Our officers are on the alert, and our men want nothing bester.

The reported reappearance of the ubiquitous Jeff-Thompson at Pocaboutas, Ark., may or may not be true Jeff. Thompson is not to be feared by haybody but the essuers of poutry and horses, and this class has long dissuppeared from Southeast Missouri. When previously beard from Jeff, was wandering among the everglades of Louisiana, threatening something wonderful. He cannot may be assumed as a fact, with out further evidence, that if the guerillas are Missouria as they will not remain long under the chieftainship of Jeff. Thompson. They know him too well. He is simply a blatherakite and humbug, without military knowledge, destitute of every requirement of a guerilla savesne—that is, taking

# THE BRILLIANT AFFAIR IN ARKANSAS.

The Capture of the Town of Van Buren--- The Complete Rout of the Rebels--- They are Driven Across the Arkansas.



while create a great bluster, and threaten the peace of

while create a great bluster, and threaten the peace of Southeast Missouri; but it will be only bluster. As for moving on New Madrid, that will doubtless be guarded against; and if Jeft, tries any of his game—stopping river steamboats—he will run great risk of capture.

Another cavairy expedition lately visited the saltpetre works on White river, which were reported destroyed some time ago by Col. Weisersham, of the Tenth Illnois cavairy. The present expedition consisted of a battalion of the Fourteenth Missouri State Militia, under Captalin Birch. They found the Saltpetre works fully repaired and in full blast. Captain Birch suptured twenty-three rebels, including their commanding officer—Captain Mo-Namara—and destroyed five hundred head of beef, thirty stand of arms, and a complete supply of provisions for the winter for the workmen. Five buildings belonging to the works were burned. They contained a fine steam engine of eight horse power, ten kettles, each of a caption kettles, with tools, &c. About \$6,000 worth of saltpetre was destroyed, which the rebels would have run off in a few days to Arkadisphia, to be there converted into grapowder. The capacity of these works is estimated at

Message of the Governor of Missouri.

Sr. LQFIE, Dec. 30, 1862.

lished this afternoon.

After congratulating the Legislature and State upon the the Governor reviews the condition of the State since the teers from Missonri, after the casualties of war, and mustering out irregularly culisted troops, is 27,500, which, with 10,500 State militia, gives a totalforce of 35,000 men in service for the war. The enrolled militia, numbering 52,000, gives the State the grand total of

90,000, the latter force furnishing a large body of men, avmed and equipped for any emergency.

The Governor treats of finance and the condition of raironds at length, and carnestly recommends the Legis-lature to adopt measures to restore the State credit and reduce the State debt, coasistent with good faith towards holders of the State bones, complete the railroads yet unfinished and secure the laterests of private stock-

Or the subject of emancipation the Governor says he has long been convinced that the material interests of Missouri would be advanced by substituting free for slave labor, and recommends a plan by which the children of slaves born after the passage of fac act shall be free, but remain under the control of their owners until they have arrived at a certain age, the owners to be compensated for the diminished value of slave mother; after thus rendered incapable of bearing slave children

THE ALABAMA AGAIN.

The Aspinwall Steamers Ocean Queen, America and Champion in Danger.

OTHER PIRATES ABROAD ON THE OCEAN.

Another Vessel Burned on the Atlantic,

ers. On the 15th instant Captain Crowell, it er Julie, while en route from Savann -the regular route of the California steam gallant yards across. This, without doubt, was the Queen and America, both of which he, without doubt

WHEN THE OCEAN OUERN AND AMERICA SAILED. ceeded in company southward, along the regular track of Passage rarely exceeds ave days. Therefore both vessels should have passed through it on the 16th at the latest

WHEN THE CHAMPION SAILED AND HER DANGER. WHEN THE CHAMPION SALLED AND HIR DANGER.

The steamer Champion left New York on the 22d instant, five days before the telegraphic news of the capture of the Ariel reached this city. The commander of this vessel, being likewise ignorant of the recent operations of the Alabama, would take the same route as his predecessors, and doubtless Semmes, even if he captured the other two, would also west for the champion, as he would be almost certain that the news could not reach Washington in time for even a more active man than Secretary Welles to despatch was vessels upon the track. Thus there is a strong probability that this vessel has also before this time fallen a prey to the pirate. time fallen a prey to the pirate. BUT WHAT IS THE GOVERNMENT DOING IN THE

This is a question that every one will doubtless ask of himself, even if he does not make the inquiry of his neighbor. What do we find? On the application of Senator Latham, of California, the Navy Department or. dered the armed steamer Connecticut to leave Hampto Reads for Aspinwall, to bring to New York all the tree sure at that place from the Facilic coast. But when? On the 1st of January next—that is to-morrow. And Commodore Vanderbilt also yesterday put forth the fol-

lowing circular relative to the protection to be afforded to CONSIGNES OF CALIFORNIA GOLD.

No. 5 Bowning Guerr, Dec. 20, 1862.

By telegraphic despatch received this day from the Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy, 1 am of viged that a convoy for each of the homeward boun steamers of the California line has been promptly of dered, in accordance with the proposition which has been submitted to the government by me, and I have a doubt that the security thus amply provided will the entirely satisfactory to parties immediately interested and that it will meet with the approbation of the publication.

The above action of Secretary Welley would be a source of the control of the publication of the publicat

The above action of Secretary Welles would be very good if it did not happen that it comes a little too late.

As far as the Alabama is concerned, if she has done anything, the whole four steamers ere this have been captured and bouded, or perhaps the dast three that sailed ticut is to sail to morrow, while it is well known the Champion, the last of the four, if taken at all, would have been captured last Saturday. The story of locking the stable after the horse has been stolen is here verified to the letter. The naval Secretary's action may be all very well for the future; but as regards the four vessels— Ariel, Ocean Queen, America and Champion—it is cer-tainly a few days too late. One thing is very certain-neither Captain Semmes nor the Alabama will stay long enough in that or any other place to be caught by a single

The Ocean Queen is a fine side-whoel steamer of the Vanderbilt line, over two thousand eight hundred tens burthen, and rated A135 at Lloyd's. She was built in New York by Westervelt & Mackay in 1867, and is constructed of oak, copper and iron fastened. She has three decks, draws sixteen feet of water, and was metaled in July, 1858. Her engine is known by the title of vertical beam, with one cylinder of ninety-nine inches in diameter, and the length of stroke of the piston rod is tweive feet. She has good security against fire, and has also one independent fire pump; but of course these precautions would be of no avail if the Alabama chose to burn the ship. She is three hundred and twenty.

to this port, and is owned by C. Vanderbilt. Semm has vowed vengeance on this line of steamers, in consequence of Commodore Vanderbilt's patriotic conduct in allowing the Vanderbilt to cruise after the Alabama. SKETCH OF THE AMERICA.

as the Coatzacoalcos, of 1,953 tons burthen. She is rated A2 at Lloyds—that is she is classified among the steamers constructed for navigating lakes, sounds or rivers, although put on this route, and draws but eight feet of water. She was built in Niagara City in 1854, and is constructed of eak, copper and iron fastened, has two decks, and was metalled in December, 1888. She has a walking beam engine, with a cylinder of seventy inches in diameter, and a piston etroke of twelve feet. She be longs to this port, and is owned by M. O. Roberts. She is of medium model, and was last surveyed in this city 1: May, 1861. She had originally but one deck and three ber last trip until March next. She belongs to the Nica ragua line, and made her former trip to Graytown, but her starting in company with the Ocean Queen.

SKETCH OF THE CHAMPION. and five hundred and forty tons burthen, is rated Al structed entirely of iron, with iron fastenings. She ha inches and a piston stroke of ten feet. Her security pumps. She bloogs to this port, and is owned by C-Vanderbilt & Co. She is of medium model, schooner this city in January, 1862.

ANOTHER VESSEL DESTROYED ON THE ATLANTIC. The captain of the bark Trent, at Helifax, from Lonboard. This is doubtless the work of a privateer; for Captain Weaver, of the bark Martha's Vineyard, from saw a suspicious looking vessel to the northward, which kept away for him, and after following about an hour i ame on thick and she was lost sight of. He thought she was a privateer. Captain Starrett, of ship Lizzie Southard, also reported that on the 19th of November, when in latitude 50 30, longitude 32 40, he was chased by vessel supposed to be a privateer. She first set th wn and set French colors at half-mast. She followed for two bours, and, finding she could not gain on th ship, were around and stood in the direction of, another ship which was in company. The suspicious vessel wa, long and narrow, bark rigged, painted black, with a white

### IMPORTANT FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Light Treasure Shinmonts to New York Gold to be Forwarded By British Ves-

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30, 1862. Wells, Fargo & Co. will charge 7 a 8 per cent for ship ping gold to New York by the next steamer. It is gene-rally auticipated that the treasure shipment for New York will be exceedingly light, and that the bulk going orward will go by British steamer from Aspinwall

The message from San Francisco announcing the cap-ure of the steamship Ariel, received in this city last Saturday evening, was transmitted over the telegraphic lines from that city to New York in less than two nours-a distance of over four thousand miles. The despatch was telegraphed from Sacramento to Chicago, a distance of two thousand four hundred and fifty miles, direct—that is, without being repeated at any intermediate telegraphic stations. There is no doubt, had the wires between New York and San Francisco been unoccupied by other business, that the message would have reached this city at an early hour on Saturday afternoon. The above mentioned promptness and rapidity of trans-mission of despatches from that quarter of the globe are of daily and hourly occurrence.

The Shoddy Vessels of the Sanks Expedition.

There is a shoddy description of shipcraft as well

swinding arrangement are about equally extensive, andacious and profitable. The unseaworthiness of several vessels of the Banks expedition, purchased at the most extravagant prices, has called the attention of govern. extravagant prices, has called the attention of govern, ment to the subject in a particular manner, and the consequence is, as stated in yesterday's Herald, that a committee of United States Senators are at present holding an investigation at the 3t. Nicholas Stotel in this sity. The proceedings, however, are concealed from the public with the most jealous care, for what good reason it is difficult to imagine. The committee met yesterday in parlor No. 338 of the 3t. Nicholas Hotel—present, Senators Grimes, of lows, chairman; Morrill, of Maine, and Kennedy, of Maryland. The doors were kept shut and a vigilant sending particular the lobby te keep off all inquisitive outsiders. Who were examined or who were not it is therefore a little difficult to divine. The Sergeant-at Arms, or some one who seemed to be vested with the authority of that potential officer, assured our reporter in a bland manner that the investigation was "strictly private," "the names of witnesses could not be divulged," and that the committee were not "allogather satisficed" even at the publication of their names and business in yesterday's issue. When all the testimony is taken it is expected the report will be made public without any further hesitation.

Surples of Arms.—There are now on hand at the United States Armory at Springfield from thirty thousand to forty thousand new rifles, all packed and ready for shipment. This is the first time since the war broke out that there has been a supply ahead of the demand. The armory now turns out about a thousand rifles a day,

# IMPORTANT FROM KENTUCKY.

Defeat of the Rebels Under Morgan at Rolling Fork---Repulse of the Enemy at New Haven,

several killed and wounded, and a captain and six pri

Morgan spent last night at Bardstown, and moved eas ward on the Springfield turnpike.

This morning scouts report that Baril Duke was seriously wounded at Rolling Fork.

A messenger reported to Colonel Carlan that our force gement at New Haven, this morning, and

trestle work on Milldraughs Hill is so seriously damaged that it will require a month for it, restoration. Two small bridges, which can be easily restored, were burned by the rebels near Lebanor

The above comprises all the damage done by the rebels

Lieutenant John Speed, of General Gilbert's staff, was robbed of his clothing, watch and purse.

Mew Madrid is to be reoccupied. The Thirty-eighth wa went there to-day. Ail is quiet at Columbus.

#### IMPORTANT FROM TENNESSEE. An Engagement Probably Progressing at Murfreesboro.

General Rosecrans captured se veral cannon on his ap proach to Murfreesboro, and reports from below indicate

an engagement progressing at that place. Arrival of Wounded Soldiers from Wash

Thirty-nine soldiers, belonging to various Connecticut regiments, arrived from Washington at five o'clock last evening. They were all wounded at Fredericksburg exattended to by Colonel Almy, the Connecticut State Agent, wno provided them with comfortable quarters on board the steamer Thomas A. Way. They will be sent to their homes to-day! Their names are follows :--

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Chas. Miggins, Co. C. 14th Conn., of Fair Haven.
Barnard Starkey, Go. I. 14th Conn., of Senthington.
Thomas Farreli, Co. C., 14th Conn., of Senthington.
Frederick Standish, Go. A, 14th Conn., of Senthington.
Frederick Standish, Go. A, 14th Conn., of Bridgeport.
Geo. B. Sargent, Co. I. 17th Conn., of Midgleport.
Andrew Murphy, Co. I. 14th Conn., of Hartford.
Geo. B. Sargent, Co. I. 17th Conn., of Hartford.
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Byran Ure, Co. H. 27th Conn., of New Haven.
Charles S. Berby, Co. I. 14th Conn., of Farmington.
James Langdon, Co. I. 14th Conn., of New Haven.
Win. Douglas, Co. I. 14th Conn., of New Enven.
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James Maher, Co. E. 14th Conn., of Now Enven.
James Maher, Co. E. 14th Conn., of Nowwik.
H. C. Wakelee, Co. F. 14th Conn., of Rockville.
August Gross., Co. D. 14th Conn., of Rockville.
August Gross., Co. D. 14th Conn., of Rockville.
John McPherson, Co. D. 14th Conn., of Middletown.
Sergt. Horation N. Shaw, Co. B. 14th Conn., of Middletown.
Corp. Wm. H. Johnson, Co. B. 14th Conn., of Middletown.
William Ashwell, Co. F. 14th Conn., of Mow Haven.
William H. Morgan, Co. G. 14th Conn., of New Haven.
Henry H. Onthaup, Co. G., 27th Conn., of New Haven.
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Mess Barriers in Brooklyn.—Miss Sateman appears at the Brooklyn Academy of Music this evening, in the late Sheridan Knowles' famous play, "The Hunchback." She will be supported by Mr. J. W. Wallack, Jr., and Mr. Edwin Adams, as Master Walter and Sir Thomas Clifford, The Prussian Officer's Account of the

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Dec. 27, 1862. In your paper of the 25th inst. you published a state. ment of a Prussian officer, in the service of the Confede rate States, regarding the Peninsular campaign. As a whole that statement is a very fair one, particularly as coming from such a source; but in at least one instance it is wrong, viz:—Where it awards to General Meagher's brigade the praise for the desperate fighting done by our side at Gaine's Mills, on the 27th June. It was Sykes' brigade of regulars that fought at that point with such unexampled bravery. Meagher's brigade did not come on the neid until it was quite dark, and arter all the firing had ceased. The irish Brigade has wen too many laurels to wish to unjustry deprive other brave men of theirs.

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## INTERESTING FROM MILTON HEAD.

ARRIVAL OF THE STAR OF THE SOUTH

Another Vessel of the Banks Expedition Broken Down and Put Into Port,

Star of the South, Captain M. S. Woodhull, fro Hilton Head, arrived here last evening with one hundred and thirty sick and wounded soldiers, in charge of Dra

ing passengers:—

General James L. Frazer, Colonel J. W. Bryant, Lieutenant Colonel — Beard, Lieutenant Colonel S. R. Bucklin, Major J. Mason and clerk, Surgeon A. P. Delrympis, Surgeon Tanner, Captain Raulet, Captain George Metcalf, Captain John Brown, Lieutenant Keenan, Lieutenant Brodie, Lieutenant Julius Heas, Captain Thomas D. Kidd William Williamson, H. Missiner, A. S. Nesmith, Philip Vorhees, H. Molloney, D. C. Wilson, A. J. Mier, J. Hallet, W. S. Wallace, Thomas McWillough, Thomas Bowo Mr. Johnson, J. H. Morris, Wm. Congrove, Charles Smith, J. W. Wandeli, J. Miller, E. A. Schwartz, E. Ailen, George Karuff, M. Farrell, James Riley, William Weir, John Donovan, William Spears—and sixty in the steerags.

On the 22d inst., the steamer-Morrimus, of the Bank

expedition, having on board the Tenth New York Stat (Que Hundred and Sixty second Volunteers), and two all fifteen hundred men, put into Port Royal. She left one of her engines disabled by the breaking of the necting shaft. Her troops were all landed and accorthem. The ship was expected to leave to rejoin pedition on Sunday, the 28th inst.

panies of the Forty-second Massachusetts regiment, also put into Port Royal for coal and water. Her wants having

#### Our Beaufort Correspondence.

The Arrest and Release of Colonel Bryant-The Case of Co-lonel White and Captain Nichols-Visit of General Sevmour and Admiral Dupon - Resignation of Lieutenant Colonel Beard-Christmas Festivities-Sailing of the Mer-

summarily arrested by order of General Saxton a few days since, has been released. Colonel B, has just reorned from St. John's river, having had an int through a flag of truce, with his family, who resi upon representations of those who knew him here he

Colonel White and Captain Nichols are again re to command and to their previous positions, viz:—Colonel White commandant of post, and Captain Nichols Provost Marshal. Much satisfaction is expressed here at this result by the hoets of friends these gentlemen have, and who know their ability and acumen in matters per General Seymour, just arrived in the ste

ware, accompanied by Admiral Dupont, visited [Beaufors yesterday, and returned to Hilton Head to-day. Lieutenant Colonel Beard, Provest Marshal General of General Saxton's staff, who was on Tuesday lass placed

Lieutemant Colonel Board, Provost Marshal General of General Saxion's staff, who was on Tuesday last placed under arrest by order of General Broman, has resigned. His resignation, by leave, has been accepted.

"Merry Christmas" was celebrated here yesterday in a manner highly satisfactory to the community at large, and especially to many individuals that I noticed during the day, and whose "style" indicated the truth of their sentiment, as they remarked, "Never mind (hie), ol-tell-er (hie). Christmas don't come but (hie) onceyour (hie). Let's take a drink?" But do not let me lead you to think that Euchus held supreme control over all matters on "the day we celebrate." Other and higher methods of enjoyment were freely indulged.

The sun arose bright and clear, and throughout the day "Old Sol's" rays poured down in unsual warmth upositive heads of hundreds of pleasure seekers, at times not especially agreeable. The day's exercises commence about half-post ten o'clock A. M., in the camp of the First United States artiliery, with games, shooting matches, racing, &c., including the celebrated "meal guarated at Fort Pulaski on Thanksgiving Pay.

A prominent feature of the entertainments at this camp was the burdle jumping, transking a suspended ring on the point of the sweed and the couting of balls on a polywhile at foll gallop. This exercise, Jam told by Leat. Henry (members/of whose company participated largely in the same)' is of West Point origin. The gallant Lieutenant shows the wisdom of introducing an exercise which trains the solder for "real work" and prepares for all tutore contrigencies. Some very excellent bossemanship was here displayed. Lieutenant Tully, First, United States artillery, distinguissed himself in this exercise captain Langdon, of Company M, also gave his men a chance to display their nerve in games of riding, &c., near by. A Twenty-four pounder howitzer was placed in position on the river bank, and some most excellent prac-

found the men dressed next and decay, orderly and respectful, their Sibley tents in perfect order.

A solid and substantial dinner awaited the more whose sharpened appetities must have attested the favor done sharpened appetities must have attested the favor done shere.

I visited the dinner tent of Company M, Pirat United States artillery, Captain Langdon's, where I found a table richly spread, and evincing the presence of fair hands. Much care had evidently been taken here to please all, and most excellent taste was exhibited. Fromises in the centre of the table was a tribute to the memory of a private of this company who lost his life at Posotaligs. It was touched with this memorial to a departed comercial your correspondent ment visited the camp of the Sixth Connecticut Volunteers, where a princely treat was provided by Messre. Cooley & Harvey, sotters to the regiment. In company with Major Mesker, of the Sixth Connecticut: Hautenant Colonel End, Forty-eight New York: Licottenant Tolly, First United States artificry: Licottenant Richardson, Fourth New Hampshire, and others, and in accordance with a previous invitation, I sat down to eat my first thristmas dimer is Fouth Carolina. With their well known therality, Messre. Cooley & Emergy provided a bill of fare which equalled many of our "first class" tables at home. It was done to the "goodies." The prevailing toset—40The American Union—Long May She Langer"—was responded to by all parties in their peculiar style and lone.

The band of the Eighth Maine Volunteers performed in the rear of the tent at intervals during the diamer hour. The majority of the guests testified their pleasures is quiet manner, while the "gitted few" were load, long and lingering in their efforts to create a union of hearts, hands, to The band of the Eighth Waine Volunteers performed in the rear of the tent at intervals during the diamer hour. The majority of the guests testified their pleasures is a quiet manner, while the "gitted few" were load, long and lingering in their efforts

The Weather Throughout the Country.